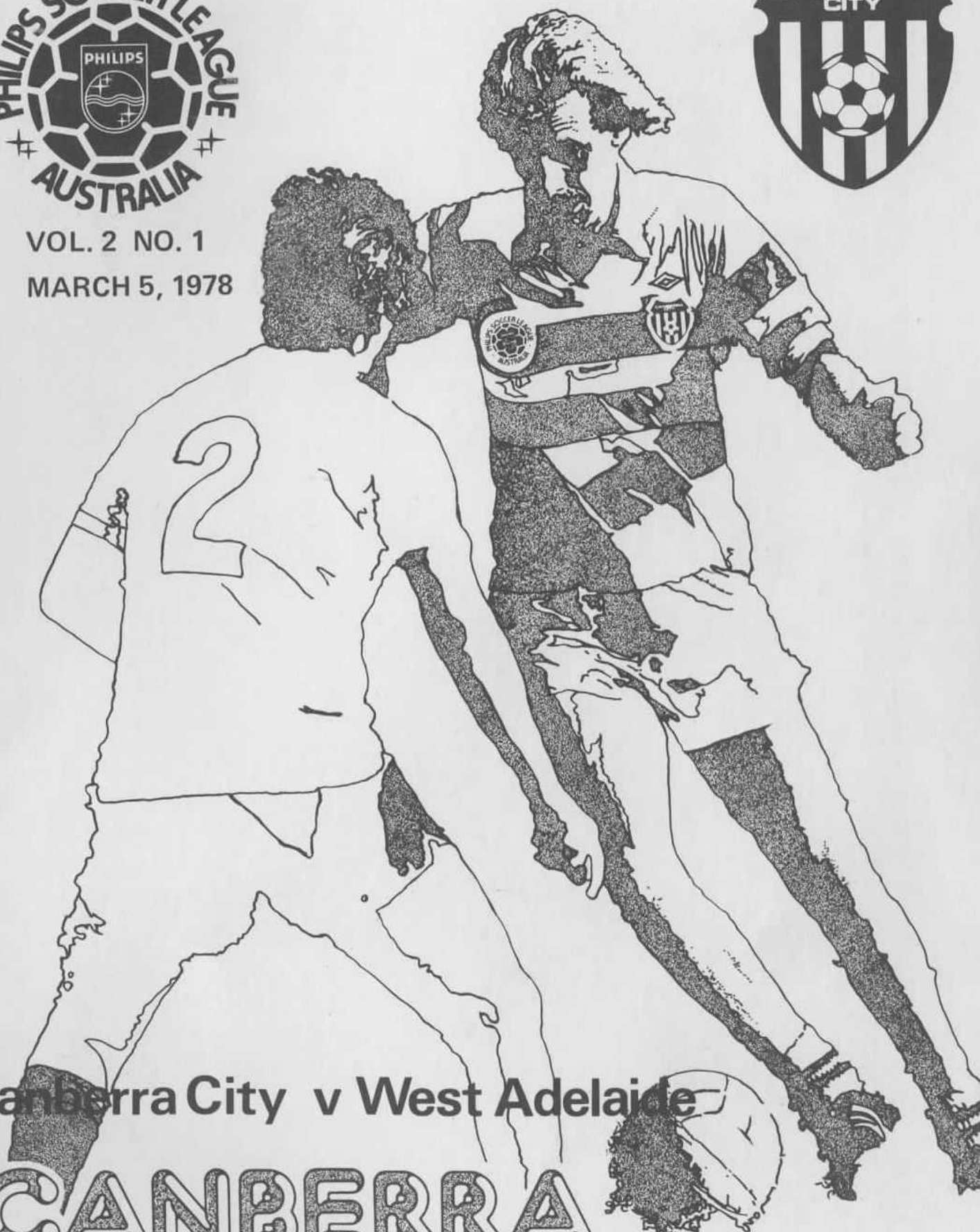




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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would welcome you all, Foundation Members, Club Members and spectators to our first Philips Soccer League of Australia match in 1978 against West Adelaide, at Bruce Stadium.

I'm sure that you will all agree that the venue for today's game must be one of the finest in Australia, and likened to some of the major soccer stadiums in the world.

Today, you will see a number of new players to the Club, and on your behalf I welcome them all and trust that they will have an enjoyable and successful season with us.

New contracts are being signed with Hal Leslie as our Executive Director, Johnny Warren as the team manager and coach, and Victor Fernandez as the assistant team manager and coach to put the Club on the road to becoming the first fully professional one competing in the Philips Soccer League of Australia.

I take this opportunity to inform members that I consider that the Board is working well and overcoming the many and varied problems facing it for this season.

Many of these will be overcome, if between us, we can ensure the success of our Club premises in the City Walk opposite the merry go round. Shortly, and all being well, poker machines will be installed in the Club. I do urge you to spend some time there each week, possibly have a meal (I'm told one of the cheapest in Canberra — lunches were served for 120 on one day last week) and also play the machines.

The revenue will all go to making Canberra City the number one local Club in Australia.

Finally, in this message, I would like to thank Brian Pollock for continuing as our major sponsor for 1978, and also for the tremendous support which he gave to the Club in its inaugural season. Brian, thank you from all of us for all that you are doing.

I look forward to seeing you all at our future matches, loudly supporting our team.

DOUGLAS HOLMAN
President

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The following is a brief resume of the aims of the Promotion Committee for the 1978 season.

The Committee members are: Frank Kunz, Colin McLaughlin, Allan Cringle, Tony Battaglini, Eddie Crombie, Tony Laszlo, Tony Psaila, Sid Staik and Mike O'Brien (Ground Announcer).

The purpose of the committee is to promote Canberra City Soccer Club to the Canberra public, and to make them aware of the unique sporting venture that our club is participating in. We also hope to increase the attendance at home games, and make soccer a family affair where wives and children too may enjoy the facilities and the entertainment that is offered.

We have a campaign formulated and an active committee to implement our plans, but to be really effective, we need the help of everyone of our supporters. For instance, imagine the possibilities if everyone at this game, brought an extra

person along to our next home game on the 12th March. The benefit to the club of such an increase would be invaluable. A promotional poster has been produced which we are endeavouring to place in shops, service stations, clubs, Government department notice boards, schools, etc. If you are able to help with the placement of any posters please call at the refreshment centre where they are freely available.

We welcome your comments and suggestions on the days activities, please refer them to the officials as listed below.

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STEVE DOSZPOT

*Promotions Director,
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NEXT ISSUE

Copy deadline for all contributors is Monday, 6th March (one day after the first match). Please deliver copy to Editor, or leave at the club with Colleen Gray.

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CLUB NOTES

The Canberra City Soccer Club's licensed premises have now been open almost three months. While the Club has traded much as we expected during the holiday period, we have managed to hold our own reasonably well overall.

However, this has not been due in any great degree to our longer serving members. The number of Foundation Members who have patronised the Club have been very few. Considering the stated desire of members for a headquarters of their own, one wonders at their tardiness in giving their active support.

As the Club is in its infancy it needs all the help it can get from members. There are many jobs in the Club for which voluntary labour is required. At the moment this burden is being carried by only a handful of faithful members. If members are not prepared to work then surely they can contribute by bringing their friends into the Club for after work drinks or lunch, or even treat their wives to dinner in the Club once a week. At the moment the Club is being patronised by the hundreds of new members who have no hesitation in availing themselves of the good, cheap meals and drinks being served there. A beautifully cooked and served meal may be had at the Club at lunchtime Monday to Friday and dinner in the evening Monday to Saturday for \$2.25 and \$2.50. Spirits on sale in the Club sell for 60c per glass and draught beer is now on tap at 40c a middie.

Your House Committee is anxious to see more social activity in the Club. As the premises are small we are restricted in the kind of functions we can hold without infringing on the rights of ordinary members to enjoy the full facilities of their Club. However we have decided to begin intra-Club Snooker and Darts nights. All members interested in playing in these competitions on Monday and Tuesday nights are requested to leave their names and phone numbers with the Secretary in the Club or if you are not able to get into the Club to ring on 488917.

We have had three very successful nights in the Club since we opened. All members were contacted by letter to advise them of these functions. In future all coming attractions at the Club will appear in our Club magazine on sale at all home games.

At present we have a Supper Dance being held fortnightly in the Club with a different group playing each night. Our next supper dance will be held on Saturday 4th March and each fortnight thereafter. A disco with a professional Disc Jockey is held in the Club each Sunday night, so all you young members roll along and bring your friends.

We look forward to seeing you all in the Club very soon. Don't wait to be asked, if you can help in anyway, volunteer!

All those supporters who wish to join the licensed Club may get membership forms from the booth at Bruce Stadium at each home game. First year membership is \$10 joining fee and \$10 annual subscription (\$20) and \$10 per year thereafter. The club now has 700 members including Foundation Members.

Our Club offers equal membership rights to men and women, so come and join us and enjoy the friendship at Canberra City Soccer Club.



FROM THE SUPPORTERS CLUB

Annual General Meeting

Under the same management, that was the outcome of the election of office bearers at the AGM held at the Canberra City Club on 21st February. So we can promise more of the same goodies than last year, including —

- the regular little cards which can turn your investment into worthwhile profits if you know football.
- an entertainments evening (gentlemen only) some time early in April. Watch this column for further details.
- supporter gear with super new designs especially for Canberra City.
- regular buses to away games in Sydney.

Know one 'little lady' who wasn't too thrilled at the re-election of the Supporters Club Committee. She asked her old man if he got back in and when told 'yes' she said 'that's it, I'm off to Mum', his reply — 'that's okay, I'll visit you when we're playing in Sydney'.

Entertainments Evening

Ask any of those who went last year (but not in front of their bird) what a night! This year we'll be holding the night earlier in the year, so the weather won't be as cold, but after a while, who noticed it? By the way, if anyone found Sams' (or was it Fred's?) other sock, he'd like it back. Says he feels silly going to work with only one sock but he is not game to admit where it got lost.

Away Trips to Sydney

The first trip to Sydney is for the Olympic game on 19 March. Remember we've a big reputation to uphold as it was at the corresponding game last year that we first came to the notice of the national press. On the basis that about 35 Canberra supporters outcheered 3,500 Olympic supporters only 20 should be enough this year. Really, you should come along and enjoy this trip — book seats with Secretary Ron Wilson (phone 473333) or at the club. However, in view of what's already happened twice this year, be prepared for

another cancellation by Olympic. You could almost get the impression they don't want to play us.

Membership

It only costs \$5.00 to join the Supporters Club, you can get that back with our great list of discounters in a short time. Why not join the best Supporters Club in Australia. (Rumour has it in view of their poor form recently, Liverpool are to apply for associate membership.)

Members, remember it is only \$2.00 to renew your 1978 membership. This must be paid by the end of March.

DIE DORFMUSIK

Die Dorfmusik is a Canberra Concert Band whose players are amateur musicians playing wind and percussion instruments.

The Band plays at community events such as fetes, parades, and ethnic festivals and in public places like shopping centres and parks.

The Band is constantly on the lookout for talent, and welcomes all new players whether they are students or experienced musicians.

They rehearse usually on Tuesday nights between 7-10 p.m.

For information ring 810486 or 585328 on the evenings.

The Band is conducted by Mr Brian Marion.

BERNARD

Canberra City has been fitted out
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the coming season*



Our Junior Club of the Week is

CONCORDIA PHILLIP

Every week one of the junior soccer clubs of Canberra is our guest. It's the handpicked boys provided for Canberra City's guard of honour, and they act as ball boys throughout the afternoon.

Our guests today are the youngsters of the Concordia Phillip Club from the Woden Valley. Their President, Major John W. Thompson forwarded us the following note on this most successful club:

The Concordia Phillip Soccer Club was formed by a merger of Forrest United and Phillip United Clubs, at a joint meeting in December 1976. Prior to that time Forrest for some years had no junior teams, but Phillip, which had difficulty in fielding strong senior teams was well provided with juniors, because it inherited through prior amalgamations the Garran juniors and the Hughes-Garran Juniors with their record number of registered players.

In 1972 the Club approached Arsenal of London, and was given the permission to use the nickname 'The Gunners' and their badge. The motto on the old Arsenal badge was 'Victoria Concordia Crescit'. The new name of the club is most appropriate — Phillip for the geographic region, and Concordia, meaning Harmony.

Last years Concordia Phillip fielded fifteen teams in the Junior League competition, and together with their three under 6 & 7 and three under 8 teams they had 260 players on their books. The fifteen teams won three premierships as well as three runner-up, three major cup and one minor cup titles. There were two under 9, three under 10, two under 11, three under 12, two under 13, and three under 16 teams. From each age group one team played in the first division.

Most Concordia Phillip juniors live either in Garran or Hughes. However other suburbs are also represented, particularly by boys who previously lived in the area

and, who even after moving out, register loyally with the club.

On the field today acting as guard of honour and ball boys is last years first division under 11 team, led by team manager and coach Brian O'Reilly and Mark Howard. During 1977 the team scored 70 goals and allowed only 13. They suffered only one defeat and were major cup winners.

Further information on the club may be had from Publicity Officer Henry Polach (812592).

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12.25
CANBERRA CITY RESERVES
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CANBERRA CITY COLTS
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14.10
MARCH PAST
 BY
CANBERRA JUNIORS
 Dorfmusik Band
 YMCA Tumblers and Trampoliners

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14.45
CANBERRA CITY
 versus
WEST ADELAIDE
 ●●●

WELCOME

West Adelaide, our opponents today in the opening match of the Philips Soccer League for 1978 were also our first opponents in 1977.

The Canberra City outlook is a lot different to that sunny afternoon at Manuka less than one year ago.

Then, desperately striving to build a team, Canberra nervously set about the task of matching a club of more than 30 years experience and some six South Australian premierships. Result was a 3-1 win to West Adelaide and the return game in Adelaide was a draw.

Today City fields a side, still very much on the improve and one which has gained immensely in experience from the first year in the Philips League. Better settled and striving for greater teamwork, Canberra expects to throw out a strong challenge.

Historically Canberra City and West Adelaide become the first teams to play soccer at the National Athletics Stadium, Bruce.

Canberra City officials are confident that spectator support for Philips League matches at Bruce will be such that Canberra will become an important venue for international matches in the future.

Canberra City warmly welcomes all visitors today, and in doing so trusts that you will enjoy the entertainment and join us again next Sunday when our opponents will be Adelaide City.

CANBERRA CITY RESERVES versus CANBERRA CITY COLTS

In addition to playing its first team in the Philips League, Canberra City will be fielding three teams in the local ACTSF Football League's first division competition. This competition will be played on Sundays, beginning with the first round on the 9th of April, when Canberra City's three teams will play against the three teams of Canberra United at O'Connor.

The Club's policy is to play in its reserve teams, preferably young players with potential. They are coached and trained by Vic Fernandez, whose work with Milovanovic, Lindenmayer, Hogg and Moulis has shown that he is, for this age group, the best coach in Australia.

Today's preliminary has been arranged so, that City's supporters should have a chance to see all the talent at the club's disposal. This friendly, within-the-family match will include the following players (and may be some more):

T. Orsag	K. White
P. Cheyne	T. Exposito
C. O'Neill	C. Dillon
K. Kawaleva	C. Muir
L. Salgado	J. Doyle
J. Acquero	E. Prieto
J. Mitchell	M. Francis
G. Willett	G. White
V. Diskoroia	M. Munoz
P. Reis	A. Reis
B. Lustica	G. Averay-Jones
G. Havelock	

TEAM SQUADS



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ROY STARK
GARY PARKER
MIKE MILOVANOVIC
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JOHN DAVIES
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COLOURS: BLUE & WHITE

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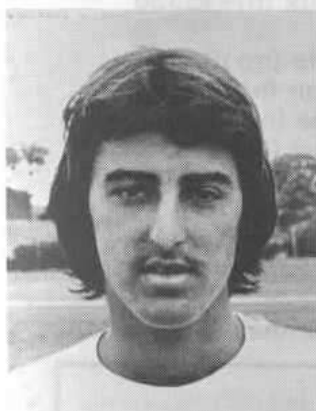
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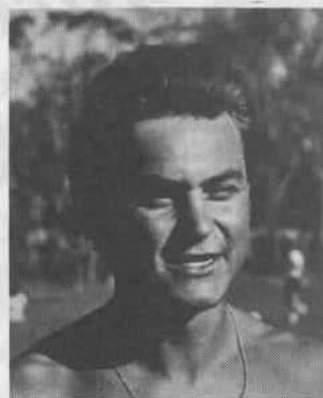
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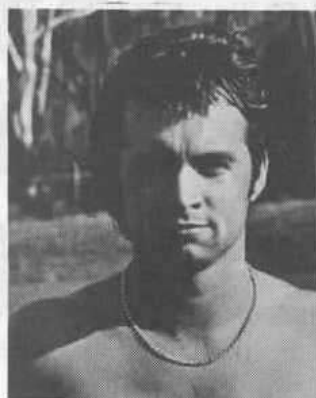
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TERRY BYRNE



JIM CANT



GARY PARKER



IAIN HEYWOOD

CHEERS TO CANBERRA JUNIORS

The existence of young local players amongst the ranks of Canberra City's Philips League players demonstrate just how much Canberra soccer is in debt to the junior soccer movement. Today some of the fine young boys playing in the ACT Junior League will march past the grandstand of Bruce, to greet soccer lovers of Canberra. Give them a warm reception — who known how many Dannys, Davids, Mikes and Stephens are among them, who will one day make us proud of our Soccer City.

Before the arrival of the seventies, junior soccer in Canberra lived through its pioneering days. The few teams which played in the mid-sixties depended entirely on the sponsoring generosity of their families, who were usually, patrons, presidents, coaches and providers of these early teams. With the establishment of the Hughes-Garran Junior Club in early 1969 the concept of broadly based parent supported clubs was introduced from NSW into Canberra. Registered players soon multiplied and new clubs began mushrooming. As the Capital itself grew, soccer grew with it and now all areas are represented by strong, parent supported soccer clubs.

Today — as Allan McKendry, President of the ACT Juniors writes: Canberra occupies a unique position in Australian Soccer. Ours is the only Federation with all sections of our organisation under one umbrella. (Junior League, Football League, Amateur League and Philips League.) This has meant that Junior Soccer has been seen for what it is, recreation for the young and a nursery for future stars. Our structure has been developed with these two main aspects at the heart of it.

During 1977 there were approximately 3000 junior players between the ages of 8 and 16 years. This represents approximately 17% of all males in the ACT between these ages.

The Junior Administration is not satisfied with just large numbers playing soc-

cer, but rather, it hopes to provide an environment in which young boys can learn and enjoy soccer. To this end ACT juniors do not start competitive soccer until under 9. Below this age boys are encouraged to learn the skills of the game while enjoying social games on half size pitches.

As with any junior sport, parental involvement is most important. Junior administrators try to persuade parents that for the majority of boys, soccer is a form of recreation — something to be enjoyed. Fierce competition and hard training is not encouraged for boys of primary school age.

The Juniors are our future. If you want to know more about them, contact their clubs, a list of which appears here:

Junior Clubs playing in the ACT competition

Clubs	President
Belconnen	Mike Welsh (h)582224
Cooma	Len Cox (h)0648-21510
Downer Olympic Grammar	Bert Van Kijk (h)498336
Kambah United	Stuart Devlin (no phone)
Marist College	Paul Mangion (h)884010
Canberra Norths	Jock Cheyne (no phone)
Monaro	Eddie Hengst (h)974959
Concordia Phillip	John Thompson (w)811229
Queanbeyan City	P. Rallis (h) 974810
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West Woden	Phillip Van Papenrecht (h)814215
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OUR AFTERNOONS AT BRUCE

This year, to make our afternoons at Bruce Stadium even more memorable for our spectators, we will present a variety of gate-openers, curtain-raisers and half-time events. Always conscious of the need to encourage the young soccer players of Canberra, we have invited the juniors to stage their Match-of-the-Day either as an early gate-opener or as a curtain-raiser to the Canberra City match.

A most novel feature of our programmes will be the appearance of top Canberra amateur athletes and youngsters of the Little Athletics clubs as our guests, competing either in curtain-raisers or in short half-time-break events. To compete on the splendid tracks of Bruce Stadium is the dream of all Australian athletes and we are both happy and proud that we were able to assist the ACT Branch of the Amateur Athletic Association to stage their first ever Winter Competition at Bruce in conjunction with our home matches. With our good wishes will go the CANBERRA CITY CUP for the highest scoring athletic club of the season.

We have kept a few surprises up our sleeve; an invitation game by Canberra's top amateur teams, YMCA tumblers and trampoliners, and occasionally bands or groups to liven up the scene. Therefore buy your season ticket (with 12 competition matches and at least one cup match left, it is still a bargain!), always come early and bring the kids. Our Staging Committee is sure you will appreciate the variety of events which between noon and 5pm should make the CANBERRA CITY afternoons at Bruce a real family entertainment.

Today our programme is even more special. To introduce them to you and to Bruce Stadium, **every Canberra City Player** will take the field. And so that you may also see the youngsters who are so keenly following in the footsteps of our

Reserves and Colts, boys of the junior clubs in Canberra will stage a March Past. As the year progresses, each club will in turn be our guest, providing a guard of honour for our first team and ball boys for our thirteen home games.

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Canberra City at the Crossroads

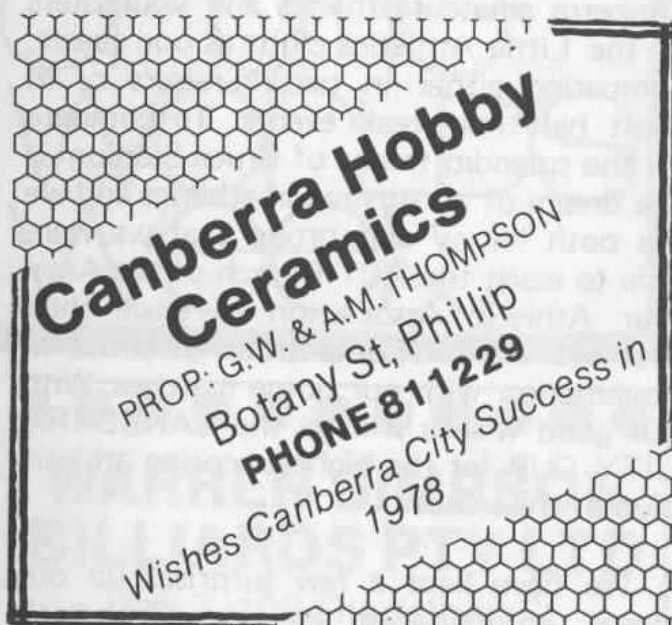
During the Australian summer, the soccer news from Europe illustrated what we in Canberra have known for some time — the Americans have re-discovered soccer and big business has moved in to promote the game. This means, of course, hefty salaries, fringe benefits, lavish promotions and presentations, advertising gimmicks, bands, marching girls, special rules innovations (the shoot-out!) to name a few examples. Players are beginning to turn lingering eyes towards this new California to New York gold rush, and Manchester City Star, Denis Tuart, is one of the new prospectors.

What effect should this have on Australian soccer, particularly here in Canberra? Obviously some Australian players will want to try to seek their fortune, and almost certainly those overseas-born players currently playing in the Philips Soccer League may want to leave. But the real impact for Canberra will be that Canberra City will be forced to develop its own players, Johnny Warren and Vic Fernandez are certain that the potential City players are already here in Canberra, and apart from the need to import a specialist player occasionally, all ready funds should be made available for local development towards full-time professionalism. Only when full-time playing comes about will Australia ever be able to compete on equal terms with the rest of the world. Believe it or not, Canberra City could be the model for other Philips Soccer League Clubs. The Club management has to determine now long-term goals and indicate clear directions so that the potential of Canberra can be fully realised.

Canberra, with the youngest team in the Philips Soccer League, is certainly at the crossroads. It will only prosper if the soccer community in this city, together with the rest of the Canberra community, is satisfied progress is being made at all levels — youth development, promotion, pub-

licity, and the development of a strong financial base.

But how good is Canberra's team? John Warren is pumping for youth; the pre-season performances have been first class, especially the game against Marconi. A couple of early wins may very well ensure a successful season. Does this city really care if Canberra City succeeds or fails?



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